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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Federal Woman's Award

1. This morning, a press conference was held at the Civil Service Commission building in connection with the Fifth Annual Federal Woman's Award. Mrs. Katie Louchheim, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Advisory Services of the Department of State, who is also Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Woman's Award, presided and was assisted by the Board's Vice Chairman, U.S. Civil Service Commissioner Robert E. Hampton.

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2. Questions were posed by a panel of reporters from the WASHINGTON POST, the WASHINGTON STAR, the WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS, and the ASSOCIATED PRESS. When it came her turn, [REDACTED] Deputy Chief of the International Division of this Agency's Office of Research and Reports, one of the six winners of this year's award, stated that professional women have certainly advanced in status since her first teaching job when, as a brand new Ph.D. teaching economics at Wells College, she found herself making less than the janitor.

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3. Asked what effect President Johnson's program to encourage the promotion of women in federal service had had, [REDACTED] said that she felt woman's status had been improving over a period of years in an "evolutionary" fashion. She added, in reply to a question as to what effect the Federal Woman's Award had had on her and her colleagues, that "women are the coming thing," and that this has been highlighted not only by the Award itself but also by the fact that her presence at the press conference meant that CIA "admitted" it employed women.

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4. The six award winners were each asked about the type of work they do. [REDACTED] stated that she planned and directed economic research. When asked if she used "unorthodox sources" she replied yes, and that this meant "those that were not in the Library of Congress catalogue." She also stated that the United States Government is getting "slightly more information now on the Chinese economy but it is still quite little." In answer to a question about the prospect for exchange programs improving with the Sino-Soviet Bloc, she said that relations between the countries would have to "improve considerably" before this could happen.

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5. [REDACTED] said that the "cloak of anonymity" which had suddenly been whisked off her by the publicity surrounding this Award had certainly been a comfortable thing in the past. In answer to other questions, she said she had a desk job which did not require any travel and that her husband worked in the Department of the Interior as a contract specialist in coal research.

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6. All the Award winners were asked if they had any suggestions for young ladies who wished to take up a career in the federal service. [REDACTED] said that for a job like hers, both men and women needed "a flair for theory" and must "enjoy" logical approaches to problems. She advised young ladies to "practice diligence" if they expected to advance in a federal career.

7. In conclusion, the panel of reporters asked what salaries each Award winner earned. The Secretary of the Board gave the exact figures which showed that the winners from the State Department and the Navy Department earned over \$22,000 a year, the winner from NSA about \$21,000, and those from the Public Health Service, GSA, and CIA in the neighborhood of \$18,000.

8. Attached are the two news releases distributed in connection with the award.

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